

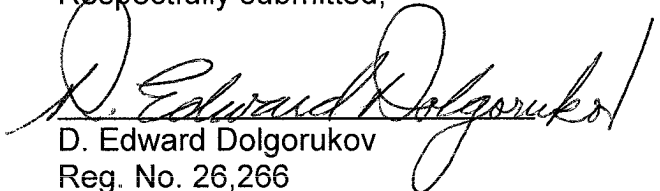
III. Remarks

The Examiner in charge of the present application, Mr. Manuel Mendez, in the Ex Parte Quayle action dated February 16, 2007, indicated that this case was in proper form for allowance except for some formal matters. The Examiner stated that "there is a word or phrase missing after the phrase 'the entry port for connection to a'. From reading other claims and the specification, the phrase 'laparoscopic insufflator' appears to be the missing phrase. Accordingly the examiner of record respectfully requests appropriate correction."

The sole amendment to the claims in the present amendment is an amendment to Claim 97 to insert the missing phrase "laparoscopic insufflator", thereby placing this application in condition for allowance. The Examiner is thanked for his careful attention to detail in this matter.

In view of the above amendments, and the remarks explanatory thereof, a favorable consideration of the present application, and the passing of this case to issue is courteously requested.

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